

# THE BATTALION

Volume 109 • Issue 128 • 12 pages

Texas A&amp;M University

www.thebatt.com

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

## Bailey chosen as 2003-2004 head yell leader

By Melissa McKeon  
THE BATTALION

Tim Bailey was chosen to serve as Texas A&M's head yell leader for the 2003-2004 school year Monday.

Bailey, an agricultural development major from San Antonio, said he is honored and happy to be chosen.

"My most important responsibility as head yell leader is to serve and represent the Texas A&M student body," he said. "I'll also keep on top of the asks that the yell leaders are involved in."

Bailey said that although he is head

yell leader, he will consult the four other yell leaders before making decisions.

"Consulting the other yell leaders will be crucial to making our positions what they are," Bailey said. "I look forward to a lot of involvement; this is not a one person deal."

Bailey recently acknowledged receiving a letter of reprimand from the Department of Student Life for failing to report hazing incidents among the yell leaders. Incoming senior yell leader Jonathan Lusk received a letter of warning.

Rusty Thompson, yell leader advis-

er, said a committee of students, staff and a former yell leader comprise the committee that interviews the three recently elected senior yell leaders.

The committee then makes a recommendation as to who should be head yell leader to Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. J. Malon Southerland, who makes the final decision, he said.

The former yell leader on the committee is typically a past president of the Former Yell Leaders Association,



BAILEY

he said.

Thompson said the head yell leader is the group decision-maker and the liaison to the yell leaders and the administration, the Athletic Department, the Association of Former Students and all the other organizations A&M serves.

Bailey said having served as a junior yell leader will help him with the transition to his new position.

"I am familiar with the typical duties and responsibilities that the job requires," he said. "Having worked with Jonathan also helps because of the communication we have established."

Bailey said he wants to have the yell leaders become more pro-active with the A&M campus and students.

One of the first things the new yell leaders will do is bring back a yell called "Sky Rocket," which they will do for the first time at Midnight Yell Practice during Parent's Weekend, Bailey said.

Lusk said Bailey worked hard to earn this promotion.

"We're looking forward to next year because Tim is a hard worker and he will do a great job," Lusk said. "He's worked his tail off for this."

## Syracuse brings home NCAA tourney, 81-78

By Eddie Pells  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — The Syracuse Orangemen were play-ground players early, a bundle of nerves late. They juked, jammed and barely held on for a victory that gave coach Jim Boeheim his long-awaited championship.

Freshmen Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara did the scoring and Hakim Warrick came up with a huge block at the end Monday night to lift the Orange to a thrilling 81-78 victory over Kansas.

Warrick, who missed two free throws that would have sealed the game with 13.5 seconds left, made up for it by coming from nowhere to

swat a 3-point attempt by Michael Lee that would have tied it.

Kirk Hinrich, cold all night, shot an airball at the buzzer and the Orangemen (30-5) ran to the floor to celebrate their first-ever title. Boeheim threw his arms in the air and ran to shake hands with Roy Williams, deprived once again of the championship.

Anthony showed he is certainly ready for the NBA if he chooses, fighting off a bad back to finish with 20 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. McNamara hit six 3-pointers in the first half to finish with 18 points.

In a marquee coaching matchup between Boeheim and Williams, a pair of brilliant tacticians who had never won it all, it was Boeheim who

finally broke through, after 27 years coaching at his alma mater.

Sixteen years ago, Syracuse lost by one to Indiana on Keith Smart's game-winner with 4 seconds left on the same Superdome floor. Boeheim said he wanted to get the last 4 seconds right this time, and he did, just barely.

"I think this building kind of owed us one," he said.

In the first half, it didn't look as if he'd have to sweat it.

The Orangemen built their lead to 18 during a breakneck first half. But things ground to a halt in the second, and it was Boeheim's famous 2-3 zone that closed out the game.

When it was over, bad free-throw shooting killed the Jayhawks (30-8). They missed an amazing 18 of 30. They also never really found the outside touch to force the Orangemen to guard them up high. Hinrich shot 6-for-20 — 3-for-12 from 3-point range, and missed twice with a chance to tie in the closing seconds.

Inside, Boeheim's 'D' came close to turning Kansas into a one-man show. All-American forward Nick Collison was valiant — he finished with 19 points and 21 rebounds. But in the end, he simply didn't have enough help against the tall and long Syracuse players and that well-coached defense.

There are some things you simply can't coach, and McNamara, Anthony, Warrick — the whole team, really — played a one-on-one style of offense in the first half that looked as if it came straight from the

See **Syracuse** on page 10



RICH CLARSON • KRT CAMPUS

Syracuse guard Josh Pace, (5), goes up for the basket as Kansas forward Bryant Nash, (33), looks on during the first half of action of the NCAA Championship.



PATRICK SCHNEIDER • KRT CAMPUS

Syracuse Orangemen teammates celebrate their 81-78 win of the NCAA Championship game against the Kansas Jayhawks at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, La. Monday.

## Coalition forces target Saddam

By Chris Tomlinson and  
David Espo  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — American troops and tanks bore down on Baghdad with unstoppable force Monday, seizing two of Saddam Hussein's opulent palaces and bombing a building where the Iraqi leader and other regime officials were believed to be staying.

A lone B-1B bomber carried out the strike on what U.S. officials described as a "leadership target" — senior Iraqi officials possibly including Saddam and

his two sons. It was not immediately clear whether any of them were killed or wounded.

Earlier Monday, U.S. and British officials said they believed Saddam's top commander in southern Iraq had been killed in a U.S. airstrike.

The attacks came as American forces maneuvered through the capital with near impunity.

Some Iraqi soldiers jumped into the Tigris River to flee the advancing column of more than 100 armored vehicles. A dozen others were captured and placed inside a hastily erected POW pen on the grounds of the

bombing-out, blue-and-gold-domed New Presidential Palace.

An estimated 600 to 1,000 Iraqi troops were killed during the operation, said Col. David Perkins. "We had a lot of suicide attackers today," he said. "These guys are going to die in droves ... They keep trying to ram the tanks with car bombs."

U.S. troops toppled a 40-foot statue of Saddam and seized another of his many palaces, the Sojoud. Tank-killing A-10 Warthog planes and pilotless drones provided air cover as Americans briefly surrounded

See **Baghdad** on page 2

## Neo accounts violated by Austin spammer

By Nicole M. Jones  
THE BATTALION

A Texas Public Information Request was granted to an Austin man last month for the release of faculty, staff and student e-mail addresses at Texas A&M, which he placed on the eBay auction Web site, leaving the door open for extra junk e-mail to be delivered to accounts.

The addresses affected include neo and lab domains.

Brad Armstrong submitted the request on March 5, and the request was approved by the A&M System General Counsel on March 18, said Bob Wright, spokesman for the system.

Armstrong then placed the e-mail addresses on the eBay Web site on March 20 to be auctioned off to bidders, said Trez Jones, a Computing Information Services senior network engineer.

Ebay was notified of the posting and instructed Armstrong to remove the information on March 22 because it violated the eBay privacy policy, Jones said.

"Students pay access fees for their e-mail addresses, and

this should give them some privacy," he said. "We fulfilled the request, not knowing (the information) was going to this spammer to be auctioned on eBay."

Dr. Pierce Cantrell, associate provost for information technology, said Computing and Information Services received the request and turned over all the e-mail addresses.

"We knew we would have to provide faculty and staff e-mail addresses," Cantrell said. "(But) we thought we would not have to turn over student e-mail addresses, but the General Counsel advised us otherwise."

Under the Texas Public

Information Act, any person is entitled to receive information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and their employees.

"Texas A&M is required by law to provide public information," Wright said. "We can't withhold public information under the Open Records Act."

When students register for classes, they are given the option to make their information "directory information" or "private." If students decide to make their information available to the directory, their

See **Privacy** on page 2

## Cross burning not protected speech

By Gina Holland  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that states can punish Ku Klux Klansmen and others who set crosses afire, finding that a burning cross is an instrument of racial terror so threatening that it overshadows free speech concerns.

The court voted 6-3 to uphold a 50-year-old Virginia law making it a crime to burn a cross as an act of intimidation. A lower court had ruled the law muzzled free speech.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, writing for the majority, said the protections afforded by the First Amendment "are not absolute" and do not neces-

sarily shield cross burners.

Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's only black member and a law-and-order conservative who frequently departs from civil rights orthodoxy, wrote separately that "those who hate cannot terrorize and intimidate to make their point."

The ruling seemed at odds with past Supreme Court decisions that protected the constitutional speech rights of unsavory or unpopular groups and causes, including flag burners, pornographers and strippers, and people who use swastikas or crosses in demonstrations.

"This is an emotional topic for everyone," said New York free speech lawyer Floyd Abrams, noting the cross-burning ties to racist violence. "The

See **Court** on page 2

### Don't Be Spammed

- Upon registering for classes, choose the "private" option instead of "directory information"
- Fill out a form in the Registrar's office to restrict access to directory information
- Information such as e-mail address and telephone number will be kept private

SOURCE: COMPUTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS • TRAVIS SWANSON